



30+ minutes

## Let's-Do-It!

Wrap up with fun and games.

Let's-Do-It! is a collection of suggested party activities for all Trimble Tots titles. Select games or crafts that are appropriate for your party spaces and ages of children. Some games are adapted for more than one title. Some basic games are appropriate for all parties, such as Balloon & Bubblegum Relay. Let's-Do-It activity choices follow the Party Camp Combo (decorating cupcakes and Theater-In-The Town). Liberty Cake (silly strip and cake) is optional. (Click on individual book titles to find the link: Party Camp: Let's-Do-It! party activities.)

Feature book: *Moonbeams for Santa*



**Note:** Bring an Angel Food cake (Buy or make ahead of time.) and toppings if you plan to have a cake and presents.

### Items needed:

- Gibbous' Song. (CD and lyrics)
- See individual Feature Book theme games and activities.

### Activities:

- Gibbous' Song (CD and lyrics)
- Craft: Headband
- Projects: Moon Phase Booklet, Paper Plate Project (pendant and "hot potato"), and Blast off Stories.
- Games:
  - Pass the Moon Phases (Hot Potato and Variations).
  - Air Balloons.
  - Balloon-Moon Relay.
  - Balloon Pop/Catch-up.
  - Moon Walk, Moon Race.
  - Where is Gibbous. (adapt Musical Chairs).

# Choose Feature Book theme games and activities.

## **Craft:** Headband.

### **Needed:**

- Headband pattern.
- Scissors, stapler, and scotch tape.

**Directions:** Cut out and staple and tape the headband to size. Use in game, Moon Race.

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## **Craft:** Moon Phase Booklet.

### **Needed:**

- Crayons; yellow and black.
- Scissors, and scotch tape or glue.

### **Directions:**

1. Using a yellow crayon, color the part of the Moon that is reflecting sunlight and a black crayon to show the part of the moon that is in shadow
2. Cut out each pattern along the bold lines.
3. Tape or glue the cut outs together where indicated.
4. Acordian-fold the pages, using the thin lines as guides.

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## **Paper Plate Project:** Moon Phases.

### **Needed:**

- Paper plates, hole punch, non-fraying cord, kid-safe scissors, stapler.
- Pattern of moon phases: paper plate pendant and "hot potato".

### **Rules:**

1. Using a paper plate, make a super-sized Moon Phase paper plate pendant. Use the moon phases as the main "face" of the paper plate.

Staple a Moon Phase pattern onto the paper plate face. Include the name of the Moon Phase. Punch a hole in the plate to thread non fraying cord. Note: Pre make a "hot potato" plate for the game. (see pattern)

2. Use the Moon Phases paper plate and the "hot potato" plate for the game: Pass-the-Moon Phases.
3. These super size Moon Phase paper plate pendants are fun to wear and take home.

# Games and activities, continued

**Game:** Pass the Moon Phases. (Game adapted from Hot Potato)

**Objective:** This kids game is a lot like musical chairs but with a "hot potato" (paper plate).

**Categories:** Birthdays. Kids.

**Players:** 2 or more players.

**Needed:**

- CD player and CD with Gibbous Moonface Song
- Moon Phases paper plate and a "hot potato" (paper plate: Cartoon image, Earth holding up Moon: Great Ride) that can be passed around the circle.

**Rules:**

1. Use all the players' paper plate Moon Phases and the "hot potato" plate to pass around.
2. Play Gibbous Moonface Song for the music. (Party leader is the music player.)
3. Players sit in a circle. If you are using chairs, place chairs in a circle. Players sit down in the chairs. Pass the paper plates from player to player while the music player, who shouldn't be looking at the group just to be fair, plays Gibbous Moonface Song. When the music stops, the player who has the "hot potato" plate is out. (The player that is out exchanges the "hot potato" plate for the paper plate held by the player to his/her left and hands that paper plate to the game leader.) The next round continues. The last player out wins. Music stops should be made frequently so the game moves quickly and players will not be out for a long period. Try to act like the "hot potato" plate is really, really hot! Note: Return the Moon Phases paper plate pendants to the players to wear and take home.

**Variation #1:** Use just the "hot potato" plate if there isn't time to make paper plate Moon Phases. (Use Cartoon of Earth holding Moon. Call the game: Great Ride)

Play Gibbous Moonface Song for the music. (Party leader is the music player.)

Pass the paper plate (hot potato) from player to player while the music player, who shouldn't be looking at the group just to be fair, plays Gibbous Moonface Song. When the music stops, the player who has the "hot potato" plate is out and sits in the center of the circle. The next round continues. The last player out wins. Music stops should be made frequently so the game moves quickly and players will not be out for a long period. Try to act like the "hot potato" plate is really, really hot!

**Variation #2: Pass the Moon Phases /catch-up.** (Game adapted from Hot Potato and Lions & Tigers) Use two hot potato plates, Full Moon and Gibbous Moonface.

**Objective:** Pass two paper plates around the circle as fast as you can starting at opposite sides of the circle. The fun is in trying to get Full Moon to catch Gibbous Moonface or vice versa.

**Needed:**

- Two paper plates, Full Moon and Gibbous Moonface.

**Rules:** Players sit down in chairs that have been put in a circle, and two players on opposite sides of the circle are given a plate ("hot potato") to hold. On a signal, both players pass their plates to the right as quickly as they can. When Full Moon plate and Gibbous Moonface catch up with each other, two players, sitting next to each other, will be holding a plate. The player who holds the catch-up (trailing) plate, Full Moon or Gibbous Moonface, wins. Continue with two new starters at opposite ends passing the plates. Take turns being starters. When everyone has had a turn as a starter or gets the catch-up plate, the game is over.

# Games and activities, continued

## **Game:** Balloon-Moon Relay.

(Adapted from Balloon & Bubblegum Relay)

### **Needed:**

- Balloons.
- Folded notes. (Theme words: names of moon phases and Gibbous Moonface. More than one note should say Gibbous Moonface.)
- An open space with a non-slip floor.

**Rules:** Blow up the balloons, with a folded note inside. Set the kids in lines of two or three teams. Place a balloon at the finish line for each team. When you say, "Go!" a player will spin slowly to the finish line and pop the balloon, grab

the folded piece of paper, unfold it, and read it. Once the player has read the note, he/she may run back to the beginning of the line, touch the next player's hand, and it continues until the first team finishes. (As each player is running back to the beginning of the line, place another blown up balloon, with a folded note inside, at the finish.) The team with the most notes that say, Gibbous Moonface, wins.

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## **Game:** Air Balloons. (to Gibbous Moonface Song)

**Objective:** Keep the balloons floating in the air for the time it takes to sing or listen to Gibbous Moonface Song.

### **Needed:**

- Balloons.
- Gibbous Moonface Song. (CD and lyrics)

**Variation:** Keep the balloons in the air while saying theme words: phases of the moon. (Full, Waxing Gibbous, First Quarter, Waxing Crescent, New Moon, Waning Crescent, Last Quarter, Waning Gibbous.)

**Rules:** Form two circles and start the balloon going around from player to player, keeping the balloon in the air at all times. The circle that keeps its balloon up the longest wins. Repeat as long as there is interest.

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## **Game:** Balloon Pop/Catch-Up. (Adapted from Hot Potato and Lions & Tigers)

**Objective:** Pass two balloons around the circle as fast as you can starting at opposite sides of the circle. The fun is in trying to get one balloon to catch up with the other, pop the balloon, and get the winning note.

### **Needed:**

- Balloons.
- Folded notes. (Theme words/images: names of moon phases and Gibbous Moonface)

**Rules:** Place notes inside un-inflated balloons. Blow up the balloons with the folded piece of paper inside each one. Players sit down in chairs that have been put in a circle, and two players on

opposite sides of the circle are given a balloon to hold. On a signal, both players pass their balloons to the right as quickly as they can. When one balloon catches up with the other balloon, two players, sitting next to each other, will be holding a balloon. The player who holds the catch-up (trailing) balloon, pops the balloon to find the note folded inside. The winning notes in this game say, Gibbous Moonface. Continue with two more balloons starting at opposite sides. Take turns being starters. When everyone has popped a balloon to find a note, the game is over.



# Games and activities, continued

## **Game:** Moon Race. (Adapted from Pig Race)

**Objective:** Be the first Moon Phase or the first team to make it to the finish line.

**Needed:**

- CD of Gibbous Moonface song.
- Colored paper squares (or squares with names/images of moon phases) and race track markers. (pencils, string, etc.)
- Colored construction paper or color your own squares. (Crayons or color markers if coloring your own squares.)
- Moon Phases headband.
- Patterns: : Headband, moon phases or Gibbous moon color cut outs.

**Music:** Play Gibbous Moonface Song as background music to this game.

**Rules:** Mark off an 8 step race track using pencils, napkins, etc. Divide into even teams. Line the players up shoulder to shoulder behind the first step. Each team has a different Moon Phase on their headbands. Shuffle your Moon Phases and drop them in a bag. Draw them out of a bag, one at a time. (OR have a volunteer draw them.) The first player on each team takes a step when the Moon Phase matching the Moon Phase on his/her headband is drawn. When a player on the team makes it to the finish line, the next player on the team is up. The first team whose players complete all 8 steps wins.

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## **Game:** Where is Gibbous? (adapted from Musical Chairs)

**Objective:** Be the last player sitting in a chair when the music stops.

**Needed:**

- Gibbous Moonface Song. (CD and lyrics),
- 8 Chairs, and 8 cards, each with a picture of a different Moon Phases to tape on the 8 chairs.

**Rules:** Each chair has a cut out with the name of a moon phase taped on the back or front. Players sit in a circle facing out. When the music starts,

the players walk around the circle. When the music stops, all of the players scramble to sit in the chair with the Gibbous Moonface square. The player sitting on a chair with a Gibbous Moon Phase square gets a point. Replay as long as there is interest or until a player has 10 points. The player with 10 point or the most Gibbous points is the winner. Try hopping or skipping around the circle for a switch!

# Games and activities, continued

## **Game:** Moon Walk. (Adapted from Cake Walk)

**Objective:** Be on the winning Moon Phase when the music stops.

**Needed:**

- Gibbous Moonface Song. (CD and lyrics)
- Numbered papers or Moon Phase cut outs to walk on.
- Tickets with corresponding numbers or Moon Phases.
- A hat or jar.
- Optional Prizes.

**Rules:** Mark off a circle in the walk area. Set up a pathway of numbered squares and have corresponding tickets numbered in a jar or hat. Usually you'll want to have at least 12 to 18 squares, players, and tickets. Have at least as many numbers on the ground as there are children (1-10) present. The children moon walk around stopping on each number, moving on around the numbers, moving around some more until the music stops. Players are to start by standing on a square that is numbered, one person per square. Start playing music

(Gibbous Moonface Song) and each player should move around the path of numbers. Stop the music after 10-30 seconds. When the music stops, players should end up on a numbered square. Once everyone has a number to stand on, pull out a numbered ticket randomly from the jar or hat. The player standing on the corresponding number wins. This is a very popular game so make sure you have a lot of numbered squares. If no one is standing on one of the numbers pulled, pull out another number until someone wins. Continue as long as there is interest. (Note: If you want to give prizes, put numbers on some small prizes, and if a player is standing on the corresponding number of the prize when the music stops, he/she wins the prize. The number may be saved and tallied as a number of points for giving prizes at the end of the party to the player with the highest total.)

**Variation:** The numbered squares may be Moon Phase cut outs. Tickets would have corresponding Moon Phases. The winning square could be an Astronaut.

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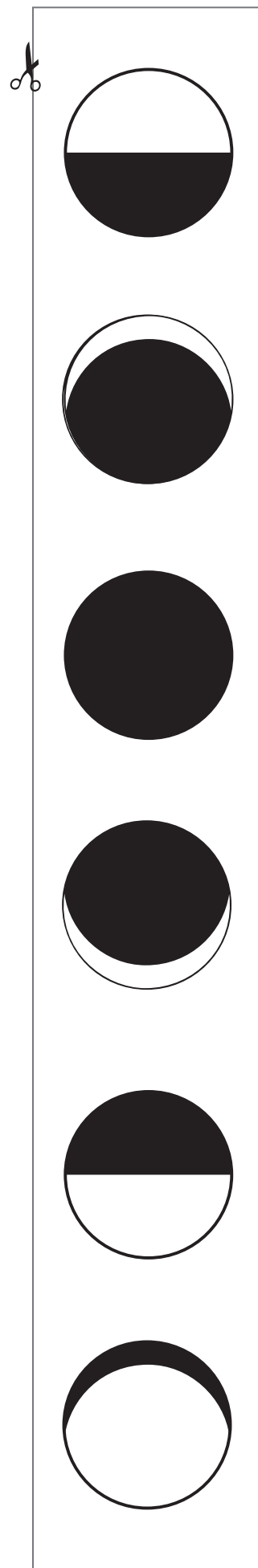
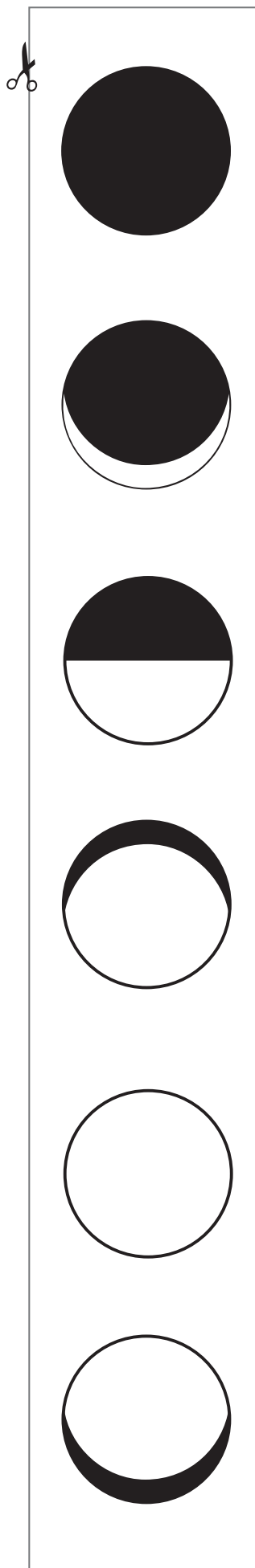
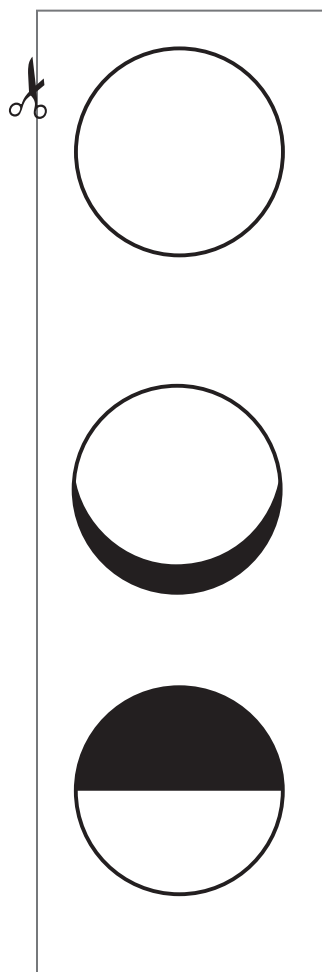
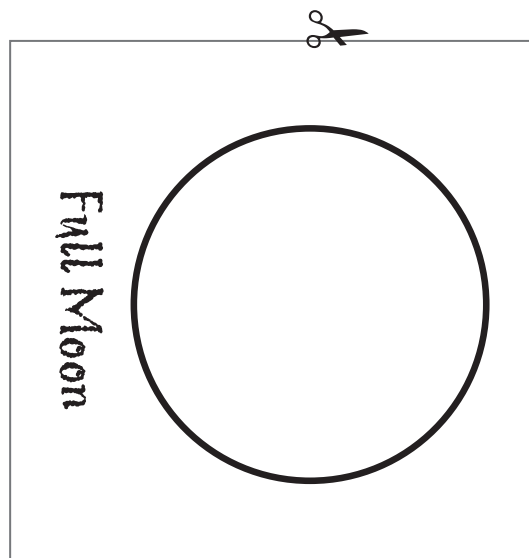
## Blast Off Stories.

**Needed:**

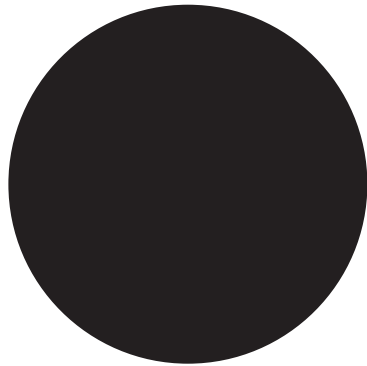
- Mini astronaut image.
- Astronaut pattern.
- Writing paper.
- Stapler, kid safe scissors, pencil.

**Directions:** Use the astronaut pattern as a cover to an astronaut-shaped booklet. Use the astronaut pattern to trace and cut out shaped writing paper. Staple the writing paper to the cover. Write your name on the booklet. Write about an adventure you think you could have as an astronaut or tell a helper who will write it for you.

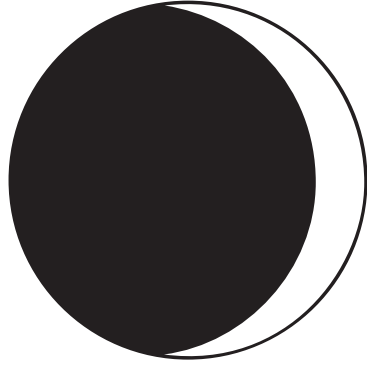
**Pattern:** Headband.



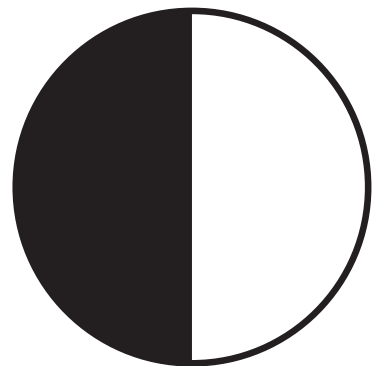
Attach moon phase cut outs to headbands for **Game: Moon Race**. Also use moon phase cut outs for game: **Game: Moon Walk**. You will need matching moon phase cut outs to pull from a jar or hat.



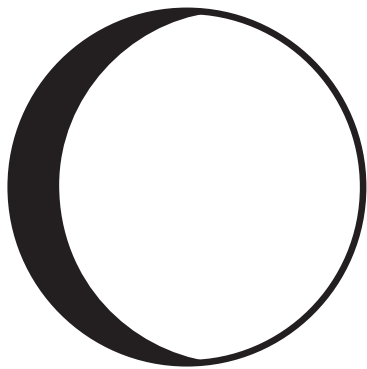
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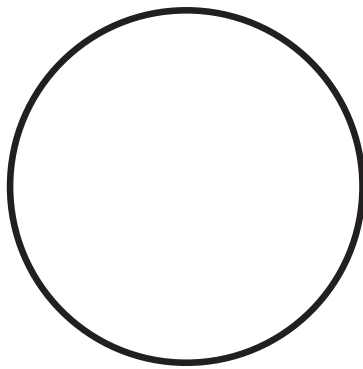
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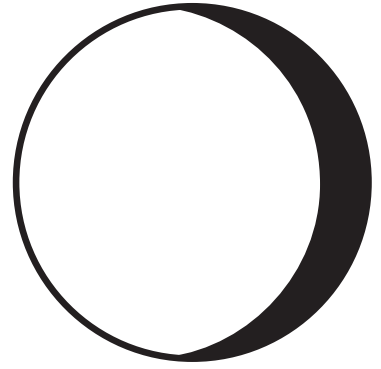
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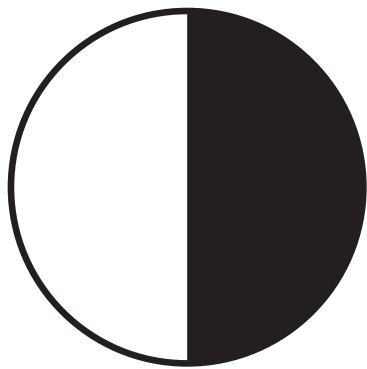
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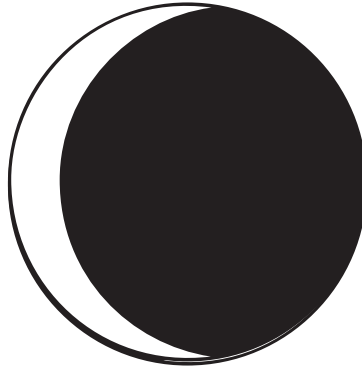
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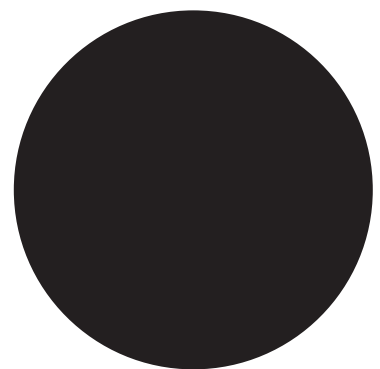
Waning Gibbous



Last Quarter Moon



Waning Crescent



New Moon



Attach Gibbous cut outs to headbands for **Game: Moon Race**. You will need matching Gibbous color cut outs and color squares for each player or each team of players.



# Moon Phases

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**New Moon  
(invisible)**

**Waxing Crescent**

glue here

**First Quarter Moon**

**Waxing Gibbous**

**Full Moon**

glue here

**Waning Gibbous**

**Last Quarter Moon**

**Waning Crescent**

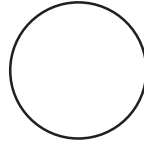
**Theme names:** folded notes  
Balloon-Moon Relay  
Balloon Pop



**Gibbous  
Moonface**



**Full Moon**



**Gibbous  
Moonface**



**Gibbous  
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**Waxing  
Gibbous**



**Waxing  
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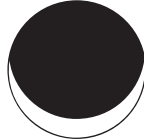
**Gibbous  
Moonface**



**Waxing  
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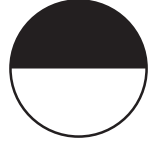
**Gibbous  
Moonface**



**Waning  
Crescent**



**Waning  
Gibbous**



**Last Quarter**



**New Moon**



**Gibbous Kids**

Use for pendant and "hot potato" game: **Pass-the-Moon-Phases,**  
variation #1



**Pattern:**

Use for pendant and "hot potato" game: Pass the Moon Phases, variation #2



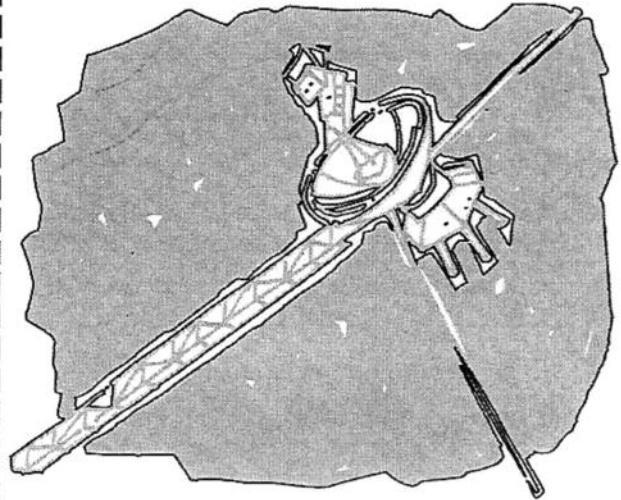


Cut out the pages and glue onto a paper backing so that the pictures sit beside each other in a row. Glue or tape the pages to the backing. Fold them back and forth to make an accordion-folded booklet.

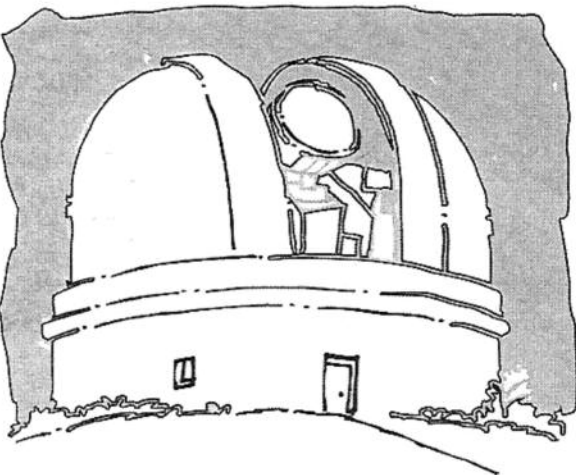
Study the sky with your eyes.



Space probes.



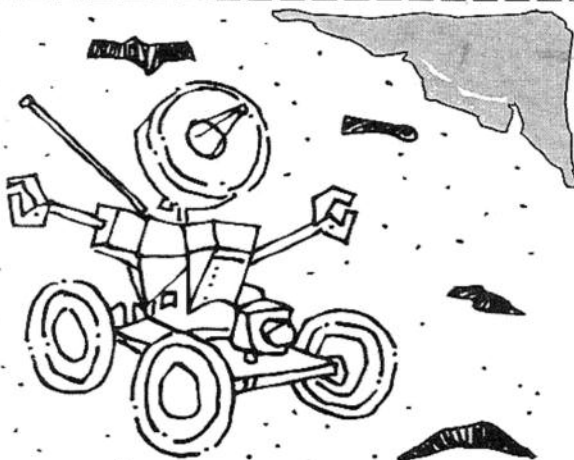
Bigger telescopes.



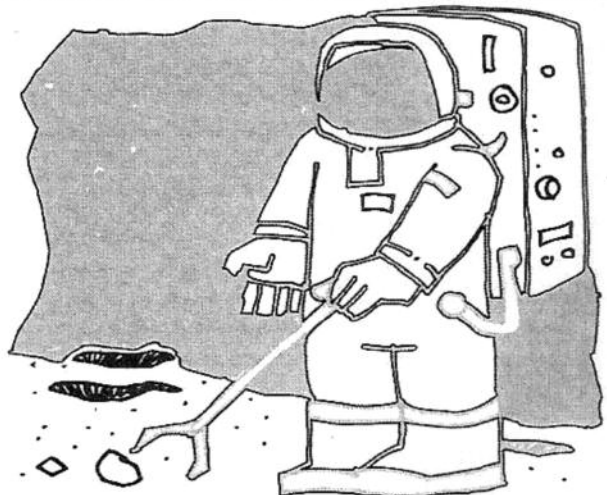
Telescopes.



A rover space vehicle.

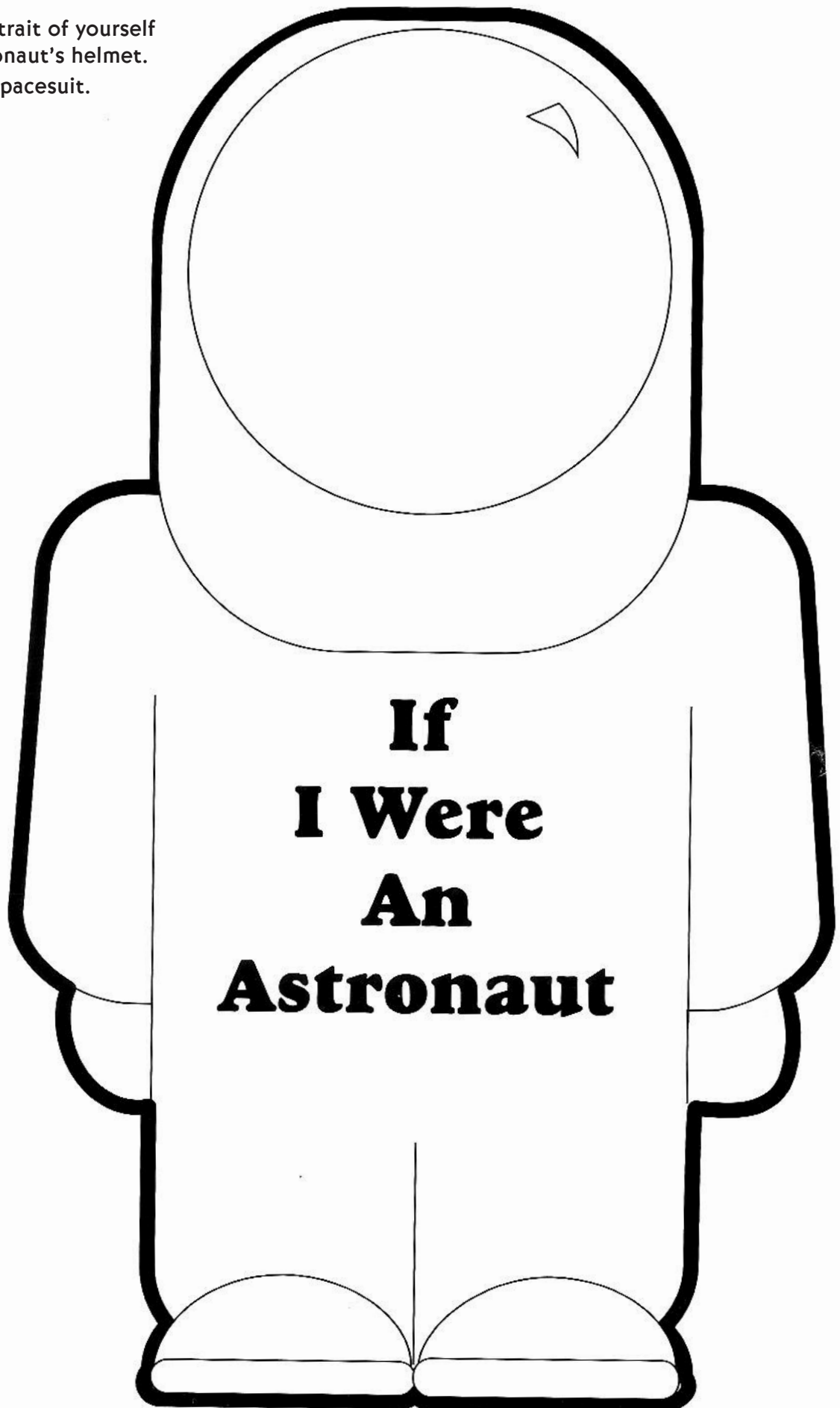


Astronauts on the moon.



## Astronaut

1. Draw a portrait of yourself in the astronaut's helmet.
2. Color the spacesuit.

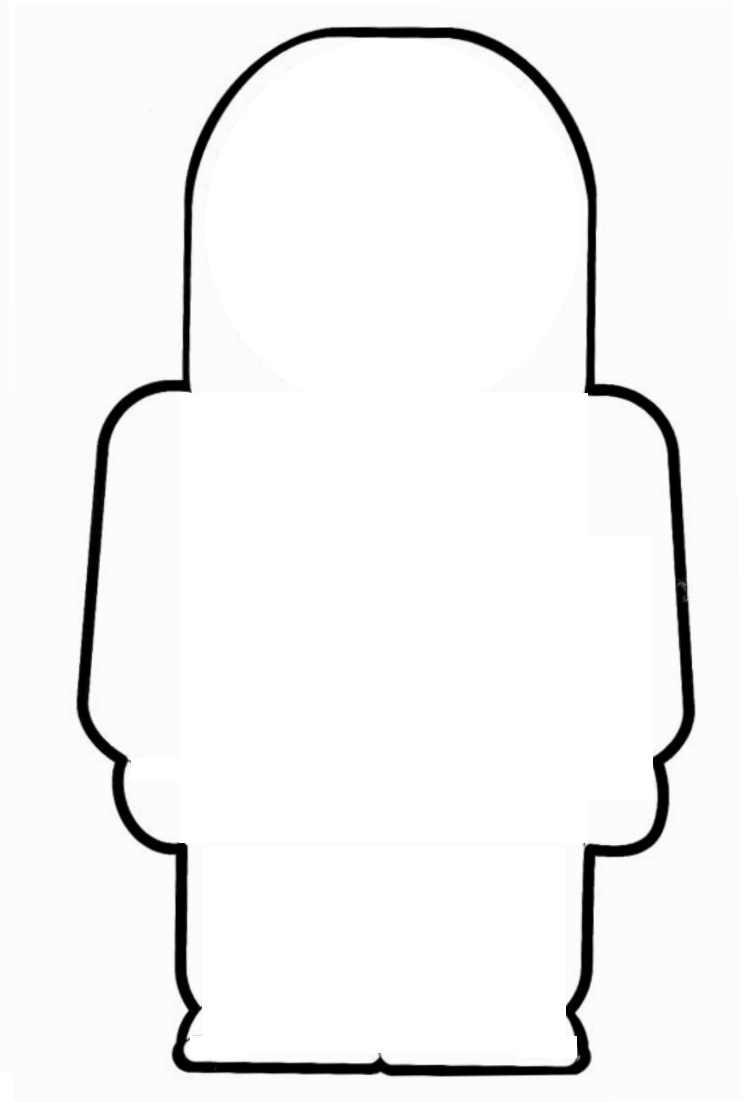


## Astronaut

Booklet cover and template to go with Blast off stories.



Booklet cover



Page template

### **Moon Phases Pin Wheel**

1. Cut out part A and part B, along the outer circle.
2. Cut out the slice of pizza shape of part A.
3. Using a pin wheel brad, attach part A on top of part B.

